

BACK TO PRABHUPADA

The magazine of the real Hare Krishna movement

Issue 29, Autumn 2010

"Defeating tyranny in the realm of thought"

www.iskconirm.com

ISKCON guru hoax meltdown confession!

Also in this issue:

Srila Prabhupada's logic

Fiction fever grips ISKCON

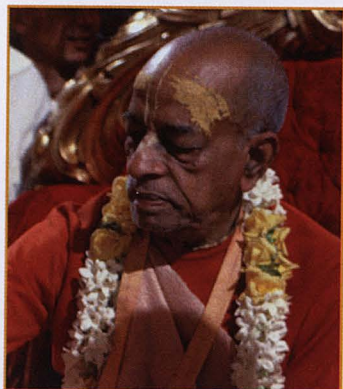
Death threats in Budapest

The cheating chairman



Iskcon Revival Movement

Why do they fear us so?



BACK TO PRABHUPADA

Published quarterly

Founded under the inspiration of
**His Divine Grace A.C.
Bhaktivedanta Swami
Prabhupada**, Founder-Acarya,
International Society for Krishna
Consciousness (ISKCON)

Editor: Krishnakant

Changing address? Don't miss out on your free subscription to *BTP*! Contact us as below.

For more information, and letters to the editor, please write to:

Back to Prabhupada
PO Box 1056, BUSHEY
GREAT BRITAIN, WD23 3XH

or email:
irm@iskconirm.com
website:
www.iskconirm.com

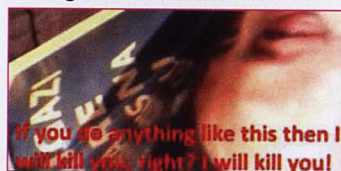
Contents	Page
Letters to the editor	3
How the guru hoax works	5
Fiction fever grips ISKCON	6
Quotes, Notes and News	7
Coming to Prabhupada:	
Revival in the South of France by Gaura Das	8
"We are logical. Completely logical"	10
Readers' questions and challenges	11
The cheating chairman	12
ISKCON guru trapped on all sides	13
ISKCON guru hoax meltdown confession!	14
Giriraja Swami climbdown	16

Welcome to Issue 29 of *Back To Prabhupada (BTP)*.

Unable to rebut the contents of *BTP*, many have instead tried to minimise *BTP* in different ways. We are told that it is "just one magazine", and therefore of no consequence. Or that no one reads it. Or that even if it is read, it has no effect. Typical of these comments are the following by ISKCON Governing Body Commissioner, and GBC-elected guru hoaxer, HH Sivarama Swami ("SRS"), who stated the following in response to the IRM launching the Hungarian *BTP* in Hungary:

"No one takes them seriously. [...] There's no effect."
(SRS, "Ritvik Istagosth", 17/7/2008)

Ironically, the statement was made in the context of SRS forbidding the devotees to read the magazine, and his organising for it to be collected back from everyone. Indeed, the following still from a video highlights the violent response of SRS's henchmen at the Budapest Rathayatra festival this year, as they tried to suppress the distribution of *BTP* through death threats and force:



The video itself can be viewed simply by visiting the IRM homepage at www.iskconirm.com. As the video demonstrates, in addition to our distributors being attacked, they are threatened repeatedly by one of SRS's people that they will be "killed" if they try to ever distribute again. And similar scenes have been reported at other ISKCON festivals and temples, where efforts are always made to at least collect the *BTPs* back from the devotees if violence does not work in stopping us distributing.

These responses raise the obvious question of why so much ef-

fort is expended to suppress what is supposedly no more than one tiny little impotent and ineffectual magazine?

One reason which is given, is to stop the "innocent" devotees being "contaminated" and "confused", and that they are being protected for their own good. **But why do ISKCON devotees need to be "protected" from what is supposedly a useless magazine which has no effect? If it has no effect, then there is nothing to fear.**

The reality is that there are devotees who want to know the truth. They want to know what Srila Prabhupada's orders for ISKCON were. After all, they became attracted to ISKCON because of Srila Prabhupada and a desire to follow him. These devotees *do* need to be protected from the truth of Srila Prabhupada's orders as presented in *BTP*, if ISKCON wishes to hold on to them. For they will quickly see that ISKCON today is not adhering to Srila Prabhupada's orders in every sphere – besides the most important issue of *guru-tattva* (philosophical truths about the guru), they have also deviated into commercialisation, Hinduisation and secularisation. Once all those deviations are added up, there is hardly anything of spiritual substance left! This is why more and more ISKCON has to depend on the type of "devotee" who is not interested in the truth, but is driven by other motives. As GBC member and GBC-elected guru HH Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS") remarked:

"many of our temples in the West are practically empty and just to maintain the temple activities devotees have to be imported from India and other less opulent countries."
(BCS, Q&A, 25/4/2008)

One of the main reasons people take shelter of Srila

Prabhupada's teachings is because they wish to seek a pure alternative to the hypocrisy, double-standards, lies, censorship, cover-ups, cheating and ignorance displayed by society's materialistic leaders. Clearly, therefore, the last thing devotees expect is for ISKCON leaders to display exactly these same traits! Srila Prabhupada spoke of rascal gurus who mislead as follows:

"The whole situation has been spoiled by these so-called rascal gurus who gives his own opinion."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 22/8/1973)

In ISKCON the whole situation has similarly been spoiled, because it also contains rascal gurus who are giving their own opinion. And this misleading is of the worst possible kind because it is claimed to be done in Srila Prabhupada's name. In the quote above, Srila Prabhupada continues on to say what should be done to combat such rascal gurus:

"This is our plain declaration: Let any rascal guru come. We can convince him that he is not guru, because he is speaking differently. We can challenge any rascal."

BTP and our other publications irrefutably document, by using the evidence of the words and actions of the rascal gurus themselves, that they are speaking differently than Srila Prabhupada. In this way, in line with Srila Prabhupada's order above, the IRM is making the same plain declaration, and challenging all these rascal gurus and proving they are not gurus at all.

No wonder, therefore, that they "fear us so".

Please feel free to write to me at the following address:
irm@iskconirm.com.

Thank you and Hare Krishna.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,
Krishnakant

Letters to the editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to a continued overwhelming response, the publication of letters has been running approximately 6 months behind for quite some time now. We tried previously to run an extra page of letters to clear the backlog, but this was to no avail since as the number of our subscribers continues to increase, so do the letters! We humbly beg your patience.

"I have received Issue 26 of Back

To Prabhupada and thank you very much for it. And quickly I wanted to mention that I very much appreciate the editorial, "Go on exposing them." It gave me a bit more insight as I was one of those readers that from time to time was thinking that the content of BTP seemed a bit too "negative". But after reading several issues now and with this editorial I certainly understand and commend BTP's purpose and would like to think through this education can support the CED-ing ("Challenge, Expose and Defeat") of the guru hoaxers. Thank you and Hare Krishna."

- Dennis DeSmeth, Dallas, Texas, USA

"Thanks a lot for your work for re-establishing Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON. I'm with you from 7 years. Jaya Jagat-Guru Srila Prabhupada! All glories to Srila Prabhupada!"

- Isvari Priya Devi Dasi, Firenze, Italy

"Hare Krishna Krishnakant Prabhuji.

With all my heart, I can feel that you are endeavouring so much for spreading this truth which is truly genuine. It's really very rare to find it. Thank You. I want to become your servant in the service of Srila Prabhupada."

- B.K. Kishore Singh, Bangalore, India

"Haribol, Thank you! The truth is reassuring and makes me know that His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada is still very much with us. Jai Prabhupada."

Audra Brown, Pennsylvania, USA

"THANK YOU very much. God bless you, and your special 'service'. You are succeeding very well. Best wishes."

- Larry Freeman, Los Angeles, USA

"I am very grateful to you for sending this wonderful publication. Keep up the excellent work. Hari Bol."

- Alex O'Gorman, Co. Wicklow, Ireland

"Thanks for all the Back To Prabhupada magazines. The articles are very informative and inspiring. Please keep posting BTP magazines. The physicality doctrine reminds me of the theory - "See to Believe; or Believe to See". IRM is here to put things right. Hare Krishna."

- Dr. GP Doraisamy, Penang, Malaysia

"The only answer to the current ISKCON guru falldowns. Keep the good work going. A much needed magazine for an ISKCON devotee. Literally an eye-opener. Keep the good work going, may Krishna bless you and Prabhupada guide you. Hare Krishna!"

- R. Rupesh Singh, Hyderabad, India

"I have received the latest issue of BTP. Like previous issues, it's full of truth. Yes, following the instructions of the spiritual master with zero deviation is the success in spiritual life. I want to contribute something by giving a donation. Thanking you very much."

- Rakesh Vaiwala, Surat, India

"You are doing Prabhupada a beautiful service. Haribol!"

- John James Wood, Nevada, USA

"At first sight, I am impressed very much with the contents of BTP. I want to continue with it for whole life."

- Mrs. Swapnil Mehra, Meerut, India

"I would like to thank you VERY VERY MUCH for your painstaking work of exposing the Guru Hoax! Your argumentation and reasoning, based on Srila Prabhupada's words, is just amazing!"

- Cheslav, Kiev, Ukraine

"I absolutely concur with you, Srila Prabhupada is diksha Guru of all ISKCON devotees. Present and future irrevocably. I am very glad I stumbled onto you and your organisation."

- Ram Sagar Das, Bangalore, India

"Sri Prabhupadaji is a real devo-

tee of the Lord Krishnaji, and we all should follow him, and live according to his teaching. Please keep up the good work."

- Vijay Sharma, Toronto, Canada

"I want to congratulate you on your efforts to establish the truth. I joined in February 1978, not long after Srila Prabhupada's departure, and I eventually left in 1992. I tried my best to stay, but was thrown out after 15 years' service for expressing my opinion about a leader, so I became a liability. For many years I have been wondering what will happen to Srila Prabhupada's movement with all the corruption, and you have had the courage and determination to stand up and ask relevant questions and expose the fraudsters. Long may you continue. I shall keep you in my prayers. Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada."

- Purnananda Dasi, Belfast, Northern Ireland

"Thank you so much for your continued support of the search for truth."

- Sean Bowers, Boston, USA

"Please, forgive me for my "Russian English". I have become very interested while reading your magazine. Here in Russia many unimaginable things was and is happening, so much so, that, for example here we do not even have the name of ISKCON in the Russian language in the form that Srila Prabhupada gave."

- Yoga Nrsimha Das, Kiev, Ukraine

"I strongly support the real Hare Krishna Guru Srila Sri Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. And I pray to the Divine to bless the real Hare Krishna movement."

- P. Viswanathan, Tamil Nadu, India

"Just letting you know I'm receiving my lovely Back To Prabhupada magazine. So much foolish nonsense you have to deal with but I have the weapon of this

true knowledge so I'm not fooled. Many thanks for sending me this."

- Michelle Kenney, Dawesville, Australia

"I like your team's enthusiasm to spread this truth."

- Akash Yaligar, Dharwad, India

"Thank you for bringing Prabhupada back to the ISKCON Movement, Hare Krishna."

- Alexander James Guckenberger, Maryland, USA

"I just want to know the whole truth, as I am also supporting IRM."

- Syam Harree, Finchley, London, England

"I would like to know the truth and more information regarding Back To Prabhupada magazines and who is bonafide. Many thanks."

- Neeraj Punjabi, Gibraltar

"All glories to Srila Prabhupada. I wish that all the devotees would realise that Srila Prabhupada is our only object of worship and that we carry out his will."

- Prema Prayojana Das, Alicante, Spain

"Yes - I would like to see an "original ISKCON" - but we have to bear in mind that we are all on different levels - and I hate to see people of a same faith fighting each other. However, I know that sometimes this is necessary in order to establish the truth. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna!"

- Debbie Southall, Brierly Hill, England

"Hare Krsna! I have found an easy way to explain it to people is to use this analogy; it's the same as if a bunch of people were going around claiming to be Jesus Christ in the Christian religion."

- Andy Davidson, Seattle, USA

"While reading the magazine, we seem to be in direct contact with Srila Prabhupada."

- Anisha Gandadine, Fond du-sac, Mauritius

"Srila Prabhupada has done a lot for ISKCON. We should be his followers."

- Lata Taucoory, Trou-d'Eau-douce, Mauritius

"Hare Krishna, please accept my dandavats. I thank you for all the service you all are doing."

- Rakesh Raju, Bangalore, India

Letters to the editor *(continued from page 3)*

"Dear Prabhus,

My earthly gratitude for trying to set the truth about the real place of Srila Prabhupada. This is helping me so much in my spiritual life!"

- Dina Bandhu Das, Les Echelles, France

"Hare Krishna. Thank you so very much for this wonderful magazine that uplifts Srila Prabhupada. As I have said so often...there is Prabhupada's ISKCON which you are so wonderfully promoting and continuing. And then there is the GBC ISKCON. They are total corruption and fraud...simple as that. Again, thank you very much."

- Radhanatha Das, Morriston, Florida, USA

"Dear Krishnakant Prabhu,

Thank you for sending me Back To Prabhupada. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication, service and love for Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna."

- Patrick Meagher, California, USA

"I have received several issues of your fantastic magazine Back To Prabhupada, in both English and Spanish. I'm a new devotee and after reading BTP, I am entirely convinced you are right and the GBC is wrong, especially on the guru issue. Hare Krishna"

- Juan Bilbao, Florida, USA

"Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada! I received the Special Summary Issue and loved it."

- Kalika Devi Dasi, Indiana, USA

"Srila Prabhupada ki jaya! Rascal GBC leaders and blind supporters have misused their privileges thinking sanatana dharma to be that of a cheap religion. Thanks Krishnakant for exposing these deviants!!"

- Hari Jagernauth, Florida, USA

"You are doing a great service to Srila Prabhupada. Jai Srila Prabhupada!"

- Onkar Nath Arya, New Delhi, India

"I revere Srila Prabhupada and ISKCON eternally. If it is not run as per Prabhupada's instructions then

it would be heart-breaking for all true aspirants! Please, preach what Prabhupada always upheld. He is the Grace incarnate of Prabhu Nityananda! Wishing you success."

- Subhashis Ghosh, West Bengal, India

"I am very eager to read Back To Prabhupada, because first Back to Prabhupada and then Back to Godhead! Hare Krishna."

- Gadhadhar Pandit Das, Maharashtra, India

"I agree with this movement, Srila Prabhupada is the only genuine guru. Thanks."

- Shalender Khanna, Solapur, India

"Prabhu, Please accept me as a member of IRM. I love to read about Prabhupada. Wish IRM all the best. Jaya Srila Prabhupada. Jaya Shree Krishna. Hare Krishna."

- Atanu Das, Nadia, India

"I love BTP and I love Prabhupada."

- Prabhat Kumar, West Bengal, India

"Hare Krishna, I am life member of ISKCON in Bangladesh. I get one copy of BTP from my friend and read it. It is wonderful Magazine for life. Jaya Krishnakant!"

- Bikashendu Sarkar, Khulna, Bangladesh

"Hare Krsna. All Glories To Srila Prabhupada."

I have been receiving BTP for the last few years and enjoy it very much. Thank you for all your hard work."

- Bhakta Michael Bailey, Liverpool, England

"I am regular reader of BTP. Thank you for spreading truth and making us aware of the true spiritual guru (i.e. Srila Prabhupada)."

- Shashank Gupta, New Delhi, India

"Please send me all previous issues of Back To Prabhupada also. Please do tell me how I can help to bring this matter to the notice of all other devotees of ISKCON."

- Reena Garg, New Delhi, India

"Your work is the only way Prabhupada's real goals can be achieved and established and Vaishnavism in the entire world can be 'uncorrupted'."

- Jackson W. Wiley, California, USA

"Don't worry, carry on with your own pure and good conduct. Purity is the only condition to return to the Kingdom of God. Srila Prabhupada is ISKCON's true Guru, no other unless appointed by him. He is the true teacher of Gita."

- Peter Sharpe, Bristol, England

"This is such a good thing that you are doing. Thank you very much Prabhu. All glory to Guru and Gauranga."

- Pancali Devi Dasi, Christchurch, New Zealand

"Thanks for the glorious information and for the evidences that expose the guru hoax in ISKCON. Krishnakant has great intelligence to show the contradictions in the current unauthorized guru system, and Back To Prabhupada is a great chance to get back to pure spiritual life with Srila Prabhupada in the center of his Society."

- Dhanur Dhara Das, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

"Hare Krishna Prabhuji! All glories to Srila Prabhupada! Please accept my humble obeisances!"

Thank you for The Final Order. I'm very happy to get this book! Continue your nice seva to Srila Prabhupada and the sankirtan movement of Sri-Sri Nitai-Gauranga!"

- Bastien Champagne, Quebec, Canada

"Dear Krishnakant Prabhu, May each of your days be filled with the continuing healing grace and ever-clear conscience that comes through Srila Prabhupada."

Today another BACK TO PRABHUPADA was delivered to my P.O. Box, and as I read it I became aware that I was feeling a sense of awe. Yes, I have always been in awe of Srila Prabhupada (and continue to be when I read and re-read his words), but today I noticed that I was in awe of you because of your tireless spiritual vigilance; that you always appear to have your finger on the pulse of the real truth and what is unfortunately going on in ISKCON, and you are always several steps ahead.

More than on previous occasions, I was impacted at how you are instrumental in helping thousands – and perhaps millions in times to come – from the heartache of being entangled in inauthentic teachings. I was a Mormon for 20 years as you know; having someone around like you would have prevented so much deep pain that comes from waking up from delusionment. So many have beautifully devotional hearts for God and Srila Prabhupada, and in that natural inclination they're trusting of their leaders. Not everyone is a seasoned scholar, and so a distinct sadness is borne of the distrust that one may experience when going to read Srila Prabhupada's books because of the intent of others to tamper/alter his words, and understandingly one would wonder which are the true/authentic editions (?).

Therefore, I believe your zeal and conviction for the truth and preservation of the truth that was given to the world through Srila Prabhupada to be not only commendable, but an answer to many asked and yet-to-be asked prayers. I recognize with ease my gratitude to God for you, your essential work, and your ongoing profound testimony of Srila Prabhupada, and it appears that the world of devotees is standing up and taking notice.

Srila Prabhupada's influence on me was a conversion to the clarity of Vegetarianism, which a number of my Mormon brothers found heretical, but to my family and many who know me these days, sharing Srila Prabhupada's teachings on Vegetarianism makes so much sense.

There will never be another Srila Prabhupada. He set the benchmark, and he did it with his life. People need to get that. The copycat syndrome needs to stop.

Thank you again, Krishnakant, for your work in the world. With respect and kindest Aussie regards."

Garry Russell-Smith, Queensland, Australia

How the guru hoax works

Though The Great Guru Hoax is indeed a hoax of monumental proportions, we will show that it is executed via a technique that is so transparent and simple, that even an 8 year-old child would not fall for it. Yet, unfortunately, it seems that many have fallen for the proposals of the acting GBC.

ISKCON pre-1978

The situation in ISKCON, whilst Srila Prabhupada was physically present, was as follows:

a) As a result of reading Srila Prabhupada's books, a devotee would join the movement. He would get all his knowledge from Srila Prabhupada, follow all of Srila Prabhupada's disciplines and rules, and serve Srila Prabhupada by following the instructions Srila Prabhupada gave, and then get delivered spiritually by Srila Prabhupada.

b) Senior devotees, such as GBCs, temple presidents and *ritviks*, would simply help bring such persons to Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet, by training them, initiating them as Srila Prabhupada's disciples, giving classes, preaching, and engaging them in Srila Prabhupada's service, while Srila Prabhupada would actually be engaging them in Krishna's service and taking them to Krishna. Many devotees would never meet or even see Srila Prabhupada.

c) Most initiation ceremonies were conducted often by empowered representatives on behalf of Srila Prabhupada. At the ceremony the initiate is told that he is being initiated on behalf of Srila Prabhupada, by these empowered representatives.

ISKCON today

The situation today in ISKCON is the same as above, and we present the evidence for this below:

"ISKCON leaders shall teach that Srila Prabhupada's books

and teachings are the foundation of the spiritual lives of all ISKCON members."

(Law 405 (F), GBC Resolutions, 1999)

"Therefore our responsibility is to mediate between you and Srila Prabhupada, and Srila Prabhupada will take you to Krsna."

(HH Bhakti Charu Swami, Durban Disciples' Meeting, 7/4/2006)

"our responsibility is to help you approach the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada, and Srila Prabhupada, as the pre-eminent *acharya*, takes you to Krsna and engages you in His service."

(HH Bhakti Charu Swami, Text PAMHO:13658994, 10/6/2007)

"if you are surrendering to me, formalizing your surrender, then what kind of responsibility do I have to you? It is to transmit your surrender to the institution of ISKCON. Generally the guru transmits this to Krsna, but here I am not directly representing Krsna. I am representing Krsna through the via medium of Srila Prabhupada and ISKCON."

(HH Bhakti Charu Swami, Durban Disciples' Meeting, 1/8/2007)

"Everyone's spiritual life is actually anchored onto Srila Prabhupada [...] to Srila Prabhupada's mercy and Prabhupada is going to deliver them."

(HH Bhakti Charu Swami, Toronto, 20/7/2003)

Further, it is routine in initiation ceremonies today for the initiate to be told he is being initiated "on behalf" of Srila Prabhupada, as the following report illustrates:

"fifty candidates received initiation from His Holiness Radhanath Swami, a spiritual teacher and travelling monk [...] Radhanath Swami spoke to me as follows, "On behalf of Srila Prabhupada, I am honoured to give you the name Jagannath Sharan das."

(<http://iskconuk.com/?p=352>)

Name-tag hoax

During the pre-1978 scenario, Srila Prabhupada was functioning as the *diksha*, or initiating, guru (and main *siksha*, or instructing, guru), with all others acting, at best, as assistant *siksha* gurus:

"The GBC should all be the instructor gurus. I am in the initiator guru, and you should be the instructor guru by teaching what I am teaching and doing what I am doing. This is not a title, but you must actually come to this platform."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, August 4th, 1975)

Though the functions of Srila Prabhupada and his disciples today have remained the same, with his disciples simply "teaching and doing" what Srila Prabhupada taught and did, the GBC has decided to exchange name-tags. Those who are actually, at best, only assistant *siksha* gurus assisting the *diksha* guru, are now called *diksha* gurus, while Srila Prabhupada is now considered at best to be acting only as *siksha* guru. **This name-change is the key to the whole hoax**, because simply as a result of the change in title, but not activity or function, ISKCON's followers have accepted:

a) Those who were actually at best assistant *siksha* gurus, have magically turned into *diksha* gurus.

b) Srila Prabhupada who is actually the *diksha* guru, is magically no longer the *diksha* guru.

c) Those calling themselves *diksha* gurus have now been conferred all the benefits, honour and worship that previously belonged to Srila Prabhupada.

So, essentially, a huge hoax, and the attendant grab of power and position has been based on something as simple and silly as changing name-tags.

Even a child can see

If the milkman and mail-



ISKCON's real Emperor:
Srila Prabhupada

man decided to play a trick on a child, with the milkman claiming he is the mailman, and the mailman claiming he is the milkman, even an 8 year-old would not fall for such a stupid trick. Because he would see that the milkman, regardless of what he is calling himself, still delivers the milk, not the mail, and the mailman, regardless of what he is calling himself, still delivers the mail, not the milk. Similarly, today Srila Prabhupada alone is still delivering everyone in ISKCON, just as he did pre-1978. Indeed, the situation is so absurd that it reminds one of the story of "The Emperor's New Clothes", where everyone (apart from, ironically, a child) could see that the Emperor was wearing no clothes, but went along with the Emperor's hoax, simply to please the Emperor. In ISKCON's case, however, the situation is even more absurd, because the "Emperors" (ISKCON's *diksha* gurus) actually admit they have no clothes (they do nothing different to what they did pre-1978), and still everyone falls for it!

Conclusion

The guru hoax is basically nothing more than "*ritviks*" (officiating priests) continuing as "*ritviks*", with the *ritviks* simply deciding to call themselves "*diksha* gurus". And through this simple device alone, they get treated and worshipped as such. Unfortunately, the words "brain-washed" and "gullible cult-members" immediately come to mind!

Fiction fever grips ISKCON

In the last issue of *BTP* we reported on the growing and dangerous trend towards fictionalising the Vedic teachings. We highlighted in particular the free-for-all fiction-writing project of the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT) – an organisation originally established by Srila Prabhupada to publish and distribute his books exclusively; and the production, promotion and distribution within ISKCON of a multi-million dollar fantasy cartoon series of Lord Krishna, full of fictionalised “pastimes” not mentioned in Srila Prabhupada’s books. Earlier in *BTP* 11 we noted the “gopi-bhava” deviation of ISKCON GBC guru **HH Sivarama Swami** (“SRS”), who not only wrote about the confidential “gopi” pastimes of Krishna and His maidservants, but fictionalised them as well, all contrary to Srila Prabhupada’s instructions:

“The first poetic license, therefore, was to induce the fictional characters Syamalata and Nava-sakhi. As a consequence of this decision, these literary characters interact with real historical persons such as Radha and Krsna.”
(SRS, *Na paraye 'ham*, p.19)

Sivarama Swami's gopi fiction

Yet, the deviancy of introducing imaginative speculations into the philosophy of Krishna consciousness has not only been introduced, but continues to expand unabated. In his recent book, *Suddha Bhakti-Cintamani*, SRS continues to be at the forefront of publishing and distributing such gopi fiction literature.

In this book he writes about imagining what it is to become a gopi, whilst again admitting that the contents are all made-up, full of his own imaginations superimposed on the sacred pastimes of the Lord and His associates:

“Acyutananda [...] remembered how the Divine Couple

[...] with the gopis [...] he remembered how Krsna and His princess [...] Their girlfriends in the ecstasy [...] He saw the Divine Couple surrounded by gopis, who [...] He also saw, somewhat distant from the scene, one young gopi whom he knew to be himself [...] he perceived himself as a gopi serving Radha and Krsna in Vraja”
(SRS, *Suddha-Bhakti Cintamani*, pp.740, 742, 743)

NOTE: To avoid the spiritual contamination of our readers, we have deliberately reproduced just enough description to prove the subject matter written about.

“Acyutananda Dasa is a fictional character, as are the other personalities, places (other than the holy dhamas), and events in this narrative.”

(*Suddha Bhakti-Cintamani*, p. 699)

Yet, Srila Prabhupada has heavily condemned one imagining oneself to be a gopi:

“So to endeavor to become gopis, that is also Mayavadi, that ‘I shall become gopis.’ No. You have to become the servant of the servant of the servant of gopis.”

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, October 2nd, 1976)

“Unfortunately, most people do not hear the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* from authoritative sources. They hear only from professional reciters. Therefore they remain materially diseased, full of lusty desires. Some become *sahajiya*, pretending to be Krishna and Radharani and Her gopi friends.”

(*A Second Chance*, chapter 16)

Ultimate debauchery

In *BTP* 19, we observed how SRS had degraded from simply fictionalising accounts of Radha and Krishna’s pastimes with the gopis, to actually imitating the gopis in real life in their vows and worship. And now he has ex-

panded into openly expressing what it is to imagine to be a gopi. To grasp just how deviant such activities and consciousness are, even the GBC, in a rare moment of support for Srila Prabhupada’s instructions, issued an edict outlawing such “gopi” tendencies:

“The recent proliferation in ISKCON of literature focusing on ‘rasika-bhakti,’ intimate Radha-Krsna lila, and other subject matters suitable only for highly advanced souls, represents a departure from Srila Prabhupada’s orders and obstructs the smooth spiritual progress of ISKCON devotees. ISKCON members should therefore avoid collecting, reading, discussing, or distributing such literature.”

(Resolution No. 73, GBC Resolutions 1995)

Indeed, Srila Prabhupada condemned such “gopi” imitation in no uncertain terms as “debauchery”:

“It is not that to imitate gopis. That is *sahajiya*. That is *sahajiya*. [...] Don’t try to imitate. That is *sahajiya*.”

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, June 11th, 1976)

Prabhupada: “They want to utilize the love affairs of Krishna and gopis for their debauchery. That is a support for their debauchery. That is *sahajiya*.”

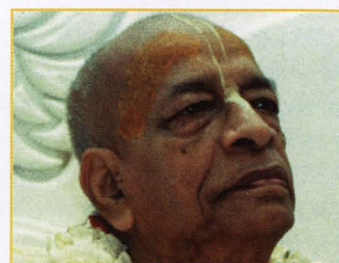
Tamala Krishna: “That’s the meaning of *sahajiya*.”

Prabhupada: “Yes.”

(Morning Walk Conversation, June 7th, 1976)

Usual hypocrisy

We have noted previously that *Kali-yuga*, the current age in which we live, is characterised as being full of hypocrisy, and that this hypocrisy is epitomised by ISKCON’s guru hoaxers and their supporters. Consequently, it is no surprise to find that SRS himself quotes Srila Prabhupada condemning such premature gopi



Srila Prabhupada:
Condemning fiction,
imitation and debauchery

tendencies in *Suddha Bhakti-Cintamani*, the very same book in which he has manufactured his own gopi-bhava fiction:

“The Gopi-bhava Club Controversy

Srila Prabhupada wrote [...] ‘Here in Los Angeles, we have found that there is a group of about 40 devotees who privately meet to discuss the intimate pastimes artificially thinking that they can enter into the understanding of the gopis prematurely. This will create havoc in our society, and the result will be that if this is allowed to go on, our preaching work will be greatly hampered.’ (SPL Nitai, Los Angeles, 7 June 1976) [...] When Srila Prabhupada finally met representatives of the Gopi-bhava club, he compared their attempt to focus exclusively on the gopis to the ‘jumping of monkeys’”

(SRS, *Suddha-Bhakti Cintamani*, pp 554-555)

As we had pointed out in *BTP* 11, SRS was himself a leading member of the resurrected Narayana Maharaja-led Gopi-bhava club in the 1990s – and it certainly looks like he has every intention of remaining in it!

Conclusion

According to Srila Prabhupada, SRS’s condemned fiction is creating havoc in ISKCON – and that’s on top of all the other havoc he and the other guru hoaxers have already created by kicking Srila Prabhupada out as ISKCON’s guru.

Quotes, Notes and News (QNN)

Demigod worship expansion

We had previously quoted ISKCON guru HH Jayadvaita Swami agreeing with the IRM that:

"ISKCON has gone from being beyond Hinduism to being -- very much Hindu! [...] Temples once the exclusive hold of Gaura-Nitai & Radha-Krishna now are dominated by murtis of demigods. In some quarters ISKCON has undergone considerable Indianisation."

(HH Jayadvaita Swami, ISKCON Studies Conference, July 28th, 2007, Italy)

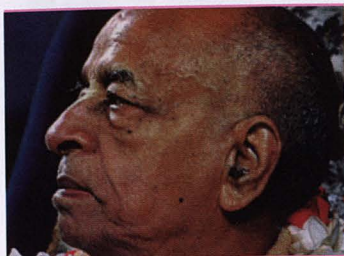
As BTP has reported, ISKCON centres in Hungary, Switzerland, Germany, North America and India have all promoted demigod worship, against the teachings of Srila Prabhupada (see BTP 19, "Srila Prabhupada speaks out on demigod worship in ISKCON"). To this list we can now add ISKCON's world headquarters in Mayapur, India, and ISKCON Tokyo. In Mayapur, a goddess temple is being constructed:

"The construction will be under the guidance and supervision of His Grace Jananivas Prabhu, the head pujari of Sri Mayapur Candrodya Mandir. It is dedicated to that great Vaishnavi of the Lord, Srimati Simantini Devi, who is none other than Srimati Parvati Devi. She will perform the function of accepting prasada before distributing, as Vimala Devi in Puri Dham. I am attaching two pictures to give an idea of the beauty and size of the murti and this wonderful temple."

(ISKCON Mayapur, June 14th, 2010)

In Tokyo, the plans for a new Radha-Krishna ISKCON temple are being finalised. We are told that various Deities will grace the temple's "Vedic Cultural Center", including "Sri Durgadevi, Sri Ganesh, Sri Saraswati-devi, Sri Shiva-Parvati-Ganesh-Kartikaya-Nandi."

The reason for establishing



Srila Prabhupada:
Condemning demigod worship

such a temple is openly admitted by the ISKCON management in Tokyo:

"With Indian population increasing in Japan, temple is necessary to satisfy their spiritual needs. [...] People need to do rituals in their family: Naam-karan, Mundan, Anna-praashan, birthdays, weddings, etc. Temple can facilitate these rituals [...] PROJECT COST: 185 million yen"

(ISKCON Japan, June 2nd, 2010)

Thus the reason for such a temple is nothing to do with spreading Krishna consciousness and Srila Prabhupada's teachings, but rather to cater to the needs of the local Indian population by introducing demigod worship and Hindu rituals – both of which Srila Prabhupada was strongly opposed to happening in ISKCON:

"You know that we have refused even the Hindu people to hold demigod worship in our temple [...] As a matter of fact, we should not allow anyone to hold any function in our temple, otherwise than Vaisnava principle."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 10/10/1968)

"Some Hindus are supporting. I don't want a Hindu temple. Our constitution is different. We want everyone. Krsna consciousness is for everyone. It is not a Hindu propaganda."

(Srila Prabhupada Meeting, 9/6/1969)

"If we divert our attention to worship other demigods, then our faith in Krishna will be flickering [...] there is no scope for worshipping any other demigods."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 29/1/1970)

IRM international publishing update

THE FINAL ORDER ONLINE: UPDATE

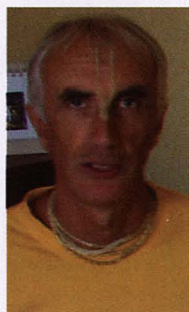
BENGALI চূড়ান্ত নির্দেশ	CHINESE 最后的训令
CZECH POSLEDNÍ POKYN	DUTCH DE LAATSTE INSTRUCTIE
ENGLISH THE FINAL ORDER	FRENCH LA DERNIÈRE DIRECTIVE
GERMAN DIE LETZTE ANWEISUNG	HINDI अन्तिम आदेश
HUNGARIAN A VÉGSO UTASÍTÁS	ITALIAN L'ORDINE FINALE
PORTUGUESE A ORDEM FINAL	RUSSIAN ПОСЛЕДНИЙ ПРИКАЗ
SERBIAN KONAČNA NAREDBA	SPANISH LA ORDEN FINAL

www.iskconirm.com

BTP AND THE FINAL ORDER IN PRINT: UPDATE

<p>CZECH</p> <p>Zpět k Prabhupádovi</p> <p>Poslední pokyn</p>	<p>DUTCH</p> <p>Terug Naar Prabhupada</p> <p>De laatste instructie</p>
<p>ENGLISH</p> <p>BACK TO PRABHUPADA</p> <p>THE FINAL ORDER</p>	<p>FRENCH</p> <p>Retour A Prabhupada</p> <p>La dernière directive</p>
<p>GERMAN</p> <p>Zurück Zu Prabhupada</p> <p>Die letzte anweisung</p>	<p>HUNGARIAN</p> <p>Vissza Prabhupadához</p> <p>A végso utasítás</p>
<p>ITALIAN</p> <p>Ritorno A Prabhupada</p>	<p>PORTUGUESE</p> <p>De volta A Prabhupada</p>
<p>SERBIAN</p> <p>Povratik Prabhupadu</p> <p>Konačna naredba</p>	<p>RUSSIAN</p> <p>Обратно к Прабхупаде</p> <p>Последний приказ</p>
<p>SPANISH</p> <p>De vuelta A Prabhupada</p>	

Revival in the South of France



COMING TO
PRABHUPADA

By
Gaura Das
Mirepoix,
France

I was born in a modest or working class surrounding, in La Rochelle, France, which is a very touristy town on the Atlantic Ocean side. I would say it is a spiritually poor place, but somehow three Srila Prabhupada disciples - Prasannatma *prabhu*, Jagat-Srestha *prabhu* my brother, and myself, took birth in this place. My father was a joiner-cabinet maker, and my parents believed in God but did not follow any spiritual practice. I was baptised a Christian, and had always believed in God in spite of my family apparently not being interested in spiritual values.

Since I had believed in God since my childhood, I always had a hard time getting involved in the materialistic way of life. I was appalled by the hypocrisy and egoism of the people in general, but especially when it was coming from those who were supposed to be our leaders. At the same time, the vicissitudes of material life were really painful. My only relief was praying to Lord Jesus in the evening. In my late teenage years I went to London where I flirted with different groups and different impersonal philosophies. I was eager to know the truth, but I remained dissatisfied and kind of frustrated.

In 1972, I met the devotees chanting on Oxford Street. Seeing them was a pleasant surprise. I thought to myself at the time that: "This chanting party is bold. It's just like a huge punch to the materialistic society. I want to be like them." Each time I saw the devotees, even when shopping or an-

thing else, I used to follow them to observe their behaviour, I was so eager to be like them. One day a devotee gave me the book *Raja Vidya – The King of Knowledge*. It was exactly what I was looking for. Seeing Srila Prabhupada's picture on the back cover I thought to myself: "He is my guide." This first contact with Srila Prabhupada was to prove decisive for me, as I was greatly overawed by what I read in his book. I read other books and was attracted by the perfect and complete philosophy that I could read in Srila Prabhupada's books. The personality of Srila Prabhupada, his true message as the representative of the disciplic succession, fascinated me greatly. I knew that someday I would join ISKCON - I had no choice! However, due to my need for independence, this surrender would still take me 3 years, since at the time I was not ready to surrender immediately, and continued to read other books on impersonalist philosophy. So over the course of the next 3 years I visited the temple in London, which at the time was in Bury Place, every Sunday many times.

In 1975, I learned that the devotees had bought a farm in France (later to be called "New Mayapura"), and I immediately wanted to join to be able to listen to French classes, and also develop the rural project because I knew that this project was very dear to Srila Prabhupada's heart in order to teach the conditioned souls how to live simply by cul-

tivating not only the earth, but also high thinking. So I went and joined full-time by moving into New Mayapura in 1975. One thing which helped me to join was the feeling of brotherhood with the devotees. It was like I had finally found my real family, and I felt great relief. Also Srila Prabhupada used to point out the importance of farming in order to show a positive alternative to society at large, and this concept of "simple living" also appealed to me.

At the beginning of 1976, just before my first initiation, I went to Brittany with other young devotees, including my brother, to distribute the first French *Bhagavad-gita*. I then met Srila Prabhupada when he came to New Mayapura in July/August 1976. When I saw him and heard him for the first time, I had the clear feeling that he was not among us, but with Krishna in the spiritual realm. His physical body seemed like a loudspeaker, with himself actually residing with Krishna in Krishna *loka*. Up until the time Srila Prabhupada physically departed, I was fully engaged in either doing book distribution or agricultural work in New Mayapura.

However, after Srila Prabhupada's physical disappearance I became disillusioned. Starting from the summer of 1978, the "zonal *acharya*" for New Mayapura, Bhagavan Das, asked to be worshipped as the direct representative of Sri Hari (Krishna) and everything changed. Srila Prabhupada was cast aside, and all the new-

comers had to worship and surrender to the representative of Srila Prabhupada. Deep down it was hard for me to accept that someone could remove Srila Prabhupada and take his place. I knew intuitively it was not a succession, but a replacement. However there was a climate of fear, and not many were willing to speak out, and therefore it was not possible to share one's doubts with anyone. Rather, the only option for me seemed to be to leave.

Later on after I got married, I began to live outside New Mayapur, and then went with my wife and children to live in the South of France. I later returned to New Mayapur, and in this way, I left and returned to New Mayapur 3 or 4 times over the years. During this time I continued with agricultural work and book distribution, and also became assistant *bhakta* leader at New Mayapura. I also helped run a preaching center in Toulouse, and then also went preaching to the partly French speaking countries in Mauritius and the Reunion Islands.

In 1985, Srila Prabhupada's disciples were planning a meeting in "New Vrindavana", the Krishna commune in the US state of West Virginia, to try and resolve the guru issue, which later became known as the famous "New Vrindavana meetings". I was willing to go there in order to know more about what was going on in ISKCON. When Bhagavan heard this, he called me and told me that if I went to this meeting then I would be kicked out.

Being at this time fully dependent on the temple, I was forced to succumb to the threat and stayed. However, I did not wish to continue participating in Bhagavan Dasa's *guru-puja* (worship), which at the time was a regular practice for even the Prabhupada disciples, and this eventually led to me getting



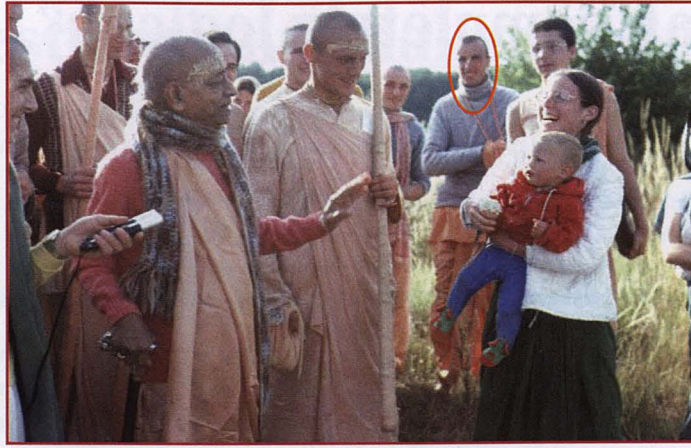
Gaura Das today, in front of his home altar

kicked out from New Mayapura. It also became clear to me that the practices and people in the temple would not change easily, and so I ended up finally cutting my relationship with what I called the "shadow of ISKCON".

For a few months, I really felt increasingly alone. I was remorseful because being married and the father of 3 children, New Mayapura was a kind of shelter, and giving up the association of the devotees was painful at the beginning. I found some relief when I joined some dissenting devotees living in the South of France.

Finding myself exiled in the South of France with many dissenting devotees, I did not know how to express my ideas on the guru issue and the position of Srila Prabhupada. Though all of the devotees including myself agreed that there was a problem within ISKCON, most of them did not want to go too far in attacking the system for fear of making "offenses", or were trying to find a solution with the Gaudiya Matha institution. I myself was not interested in going to the Gaudiya Matha, since I wished to remain obedient to Srila Prabhupada. When I was talking to the other devotees, most of them used to say they accept Srila Prabhupada, but they accept as well the other ISKCON gurus or those of the Gaudiya Matha. I, however, was looking for a solution which would keep Srila Prabhupada alone in the centre.

The situation began to become clear and hopeful for me when some years later a devotee gave me a paper on the guru issue. In this paper one devotee was challenging HH Gaura Govinda



Gaura Das (circled) on a morning walk with Srila Prabhupada

Swami ("GGS") who was questioning the spiritual and transcendental value of Srila Prabhupada and his teachings. GGS was saying that we needed someone "living" to explain the teachings, and that Srila Prabhupada's books and tapes were not enough. I was very shocked and upset because I had not heard anything like that from Srila Prabhupada's mouth, and Srila Prabhupada for me is the absolute authority in regard to the message of the Vedas.

The person who wrote this article was Krishnakant, the founder of the ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM), and its objective and penetrating analysis of the subject gave me heart, and made me think there was a solution to the whole problem, and immediately I felt relief. I read more of his papers and I saw that this devotee was understanding and expressing in detail all the flaws in the many speculative philosophies on the guru issue. Then a few months later by the mercy of Krishna I was able to read *The Final Order* and *Back To Prabhupada* magazine. The sentiments which I had regarding Srila Prabhupada's position being usurped in ISKCON had

now been given a detailed philosophical explanation, with a clear solution, all clearly documented and based on Srila Prabhupada's instructions. I did not know how Srila Prabhupada wanted his movement to be organised after his departure, and that is why I'm so grateful towards Krishnakant *prabhu* for the important service he continues to perform to educate and gather sincere people at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada alone. I was also thinking it would be nice to meet this person, because he is so keen in defending Srila Prabhupada's position. I could also see now that the ISKCON which was established by Srila Prabhupada was being revived, and this brought me great joy, after having seen the movement degenerating for so many years. I thus became keen to want to take part in the IRM, since now there was finally an organisation dedicated to fighting for Srila Prabhupada that I could join and support. To this end, in 2005, myself and some other French devotees invited some IRM devotees to the South of France, and this visit was very beneficial for all.

I have been living in the South

"I met Srila Prabhupada when he came to New Mayapura in July/August 1976. When I saw him and heard him for the first time, I had the clear feeling that he was not among us, but was with Krishna in the spiritual realm."

of France for 11 years now. My interest in "simple living" which had attracted me to the movement still remains, and I maintain several gardens to support myself.

The area in which I live is close to the Pyrenees mountains, and the area is full of truth seekers and people into "alternative" living, and there are also several families of devotees. Many of them had left ISKCON, disgusted by the obvious hypocrisy of the ISKCON leaders, with most of them then going to the Gaudiya Matha to get re-initiated. I try my best to bring everyone to Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet, distributing *BTPs*, as well as organising programs. Unfortunately, many devotees have had so many bad experiences and been cheated so many times, that they are very jaded and not interested in the true path when it finally comes along. This is a very sad situation. However, I feel so fortunate to be connected to Srila Prabhupada, and feel sorry for others' misfortune at not being able to accept Srila Prabhupada as the one who will bring them back to the lotus feet of Radha and Krsna. Hence I try to dedicate my life to sharing my good fortune with others.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

Readers are cordially invited to follow Gaura Das's example by sending us your story of just how you came 'Back to Prabhupada'.



Gaura Das leads an open-air Prabhupada program near the Pyrenees mountains!

"We are logical, completely logical."

The IRM's position has been so clearly established on the basis of evidence and reason, that even ISKCON's Governing Body Commission members and GBC-elected guru hoaxers are forced to admit that our position does not have any holes in it, but rather is completely logical:

"And when we see *The Final Order* and the arguments of the *ritviks*, this is sort of their technology, setting up a step-by-step logical process". (HH Sivarama Swami, Governing Body Commissioner and GBC-elected guru, Podcast, July 18th, 2008)

"And you'll find in that *Back To Prabhupada* magazine it all appears very logical." (HH Bhakti Vikash Swami, GBC-elected guru, Lecture, February 9th, 2009)

It follows that if our position is completely logical, then the GBC's position, which is contrary to our position, must be illogical. To rationalise such a situation, the GBC takes shelter in the fact that the Absolute Truth cannot be arrived at via logic alone. This is true. But as Srila Prabhupada explains below, this does not mean the philosophy of Krishna consciousness is illogical. Rather it is actually completely logical, and must be accepted unless superior logic can be presented, and logic must be used in defeating any opposing philosophies.

We are completely logical

"Don't accuse that we are illogical, don't accuse. We are logical, completely logical. [...] I have dedicated my life for this purpose. I am touring all over the world giving this knowledge. It is sound logic. If you don't accept, you must give better logic, what you know. Don't think we are going under sentiment. Don't think like that. We have got sound logic."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, 2/9/1973)

We must understand with logic

"The Visnudas, like all genuine servants of God, understood everything according to logic and reason. The instructions of Kṛṣṇa are not meaningless dogma. Religion often gives rise to dogmatism, but the author of Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Srila Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja, urges us to try to understand Lord Caitanya and the philosophy of Kṛṣṇa consciousness according to logic. In other words, do not follow blindly, on the basis of sentiment alone. One who fails to apply logic can easily be misled by unscrupulous

persons."

(*A Second Chance*, Chapter 14)

"Vicāra means you just try to understand the gift of Lord Caitanya by logic, vicāra. Don't follow blindly. Following blindly something, that is not good. That will not stay. But one should take everything with logic. But the servants of God, they put everything in logic. [...] So one should be intelligent to understand the philosophy of Krishna or philosophy of Lord Caitanya with logic and argument."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 6/1/1971)

"It is sometimes misunderstood that if one has to associate with persons engaged in devotional service, he will not be able to solve the economic problem. To answer this argument, it is described here that one has to associate with liberated persons not directly, physically, but by understanding, through philosophy and logic, the problems of life."

(*Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 3.31.48, purport)

"The Lord imparted instructions with full senses, and Arjuna received them with full senses, and thus there was a perfect exchange of sensible and logical understanding between the master and the

disciple. Spiritual understanding is nothing like an electrical charge from the master to the disciple [...] Everything is full of sense and logic, [...] one should receive the teaching of Lord Caitanya with intellect and full senses so that one can logically understand the great mission."

(*Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 2.3.20, purport)

"One should understand the principles of religion with philosophy and logic. We are claiming college students, university students, because we are presenting religion on the basis of philosophy and logic. We are not blindly following."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 20/7/1968)

Preachers must use logic

"Similarly, those who are Krishna conscious should also kill - not by weapons but by logic, by reasoning, and by education. [...] They should be killed by argument, reasoning, and scientific spiritual understanding."

(*Teachings of Queen Kunti*, chapter 24)

"This is the duty of a sannyasi. If he is actually advanced and so ordered by his spiritual master, he should preach Kṛṣṇa with logic and understanding, and if he is not so advanced he should not accept the

renounced order of life."

(*Bhagavad-gītā* As it Is, 16.1-3, purport)

GBC defeated by their own thug tactics

Prabhupada: "If two persons are in argument the man, the one party, he becomes angry, that means he is defeated. Why one should become angry? It is the argument, logic. They should continue. [...] If you do not agree to logic, then no argument can make progress."

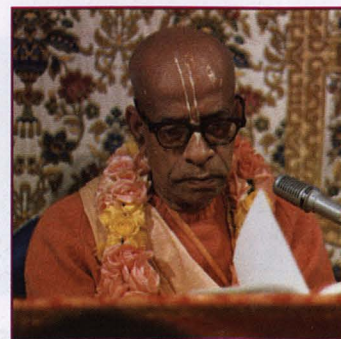
Uttamasloka: "Srila Prabhupada, if one does not agree to logic, does that mean that they are under the influence of tamoguna?"

Prabhupada: "That means he is animal. [...] Logic is meant for learned man, and uneducated man, they want to force, 'Yes, you must do it.' With point of revolver, 'You must do it.' And educated man, they argue on logic. That is the difference." (Interview, 9/7/1975)

Please go the IRM's website - www.iskconirm.com - to view video clips where ISKCON thug tactics are used to combat the logic of BTP.

IRM Mission Statement

Since the physical departure of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada from our material vision on November 14th 1977, the International Society For Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Srila Prabhupada, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole *diksha* Guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Srila Prabhupada gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and *diksha* Guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order* - see back page to order your free copy.





Readers' questions and challenges

"A devotee in Vrindavan was adamant that initiation can only be taken from a pure devotee and he vehemently denies the July 9th letter by saying that it is against the scriptures. [...] Myriad numbers of devotees have been hoodwinked by these 'self proclaimed gurus' [...] How can we convince them about the real fact and bring them back to Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet?"

- Sanatana Sinha, Bangalore, India

Editor replies:

It is indeed true that initiation can only be taken from a pure devotee: "Any person [...] must seek out a bona fide spiritual master and take shelter of him by initiation [...] Therefore one must take shelter of a pure devotee." (Srimad-Bhagavatam 5.14.41, purport)

That pure devotee for ISKCON is Srila Prabhupada.

It is farcical that the devotee you mention denies Srila Prabhupada's signed July 9th, 1977 directive which establishes Srila Prabhupada as the sole *diksha* guru of ISKCON. In fact, not only is it farcical, it is downright fatal for one's spiritual life to claim that a document issued by Srila Prabhupada is "against the scriptures".

As you correctly state, myriad numbers of devotees have been hoodwinked by ISKCON's guru hoax. In answer to your question about how we can convince such devotees as to the real facts, there is only one way to wake them up, and that is to distribute *The Final Order* book and *Back To Prabhupada* magazines to them. We have received over 2000 letters from devotees around the world proclaiming how our literatures have woken them up.

So this process works, especially since our documents remain undefeated and, in many cases, even unchallenged to this very day.

"We admire your enthusiasm and dedication to spread the glories of Srila Prabhupada but we think that distribution of his books are a much more subtle way for it than to read and distribute your magazine."

- Sundarananda Das, ISKCON Zagreb, Croatia

Editor replies:

Thank you for your comments. Distributing Srila Prabhupada's books is undoubtedly the best method of spreading his glories - provided, that is, that the same books don't broadcast the lie that Srila Prabhupada authorised a system of guru successors, as the current ISKCON BBT publications do:

"Before he left this world in 1977, Srila Prabhupada authorized a system in which advanced and qualified devotees would carry on his work by initiating disciples in accordance with his instructions. At present there are many spiritual masters in ISKCON."

(Bhaktivedanta Book Trust publications)

It is truly astonishing that the above lie continues to be perpetrated, especially since the GBC has already admitted that its current guru-by-vote system is falsified:

"Is this an outright fabrication or not? That Srila Prabhupada 'personally detailed the procedure for increasing the number of initiating guru[s]' is something we can only wish. Or falsely tell the Society he did."

(Email from ISKCON GBC voted-in guru HH Jayadvaita Swami to the GBC, December 13th, 2003)

Spreading lies about Srila Prabhupada is not the same as spreading his glories! Hence the continued need for *BTP* to broadcast the truth about Srila Prabhupada - that he only authorised a *ritvik* system whereby he would remain ISKCON's only guru.

"I am deeply disappointed by hearing all this about Sivarama Swami and other ISKCON gurus. This brings up a dilemma in me, how can one practice Krishna consciousness at all? I mean, for example, should I not listen to the bhajans and kirtans of these ISKCON gurus any more? In whom can I trust at all then?"

- Nagy Sándor, Hungary (translated from Hungarian)

Editor replies:

There is no need to be disappointed by any false guru in ISKCON, since Srila Prabhupada has specifically warned us about them and also given us the remedy for avoiding such disappointment:

"There are many jealous people in the dress of Vaisnavas in this Krsna consciousness movement, and they should be completely neglected. There is no need to serve a jealous person who is in the dress of a Vaisnava."

(Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila 1.218, purport)

"Unfortunately, when the acarya disappears, rogues and non-devotees take advantage and immediately begin to introduce unauthorized principles in the name of so-called swamis, yogis, philanthropists, welfare workers and so on. [...] The perfect disciples of the acarya try to relieve the situation by sincerely following the instructions of the spiritual master."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 4.28.48, purport)

Clearly, those who have disobeyed Srila Prabhupada and usurped his position as guru qualify as being such "jealous persons". We can therefore trust in Srila Prabhupada and his instructions, and listen to his *bhajans*, *kirtans* and lectures, of which there are many. We should not, however, trust, follow or listen to those who are not following Srila Prabhupada.

"I am really finding Back To Prabhupada magazine offensive [...] no devotional content. Only about ISKCON's faults. The point where you started is good, that you protest against false gurus. But you are making each and every guru [...] as false and fallen"

- Swapnil Kamble, Pune, India

Editor replies:

1) Nothing we have published is untrue, and the path of *dharma* or truthfulness is not offensive. If we were speaking lies, then you would be justified in saying that the magazine is offensive.

2) Pointing out the faults in ISKCON is necessary so that one may not be captured by the guru hoax:

"So we have to expose them. [...] Not only scientific, all political things, social things, everything. [...] This should be our program."

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, May 3rd, 1973)

3) The fact that the entire magazine is dedicated to defending and promoting Srila Prabhupada's real teachings is itself glorifying Srila Prabhupada, and hence the Lord, in devotion:

"You'll praise your Guru Maharaja. That is not very difficult. But be victorious to the opposing elements. Then you will praise your Guru Maharaja nicely. [...] But you have to fight. Then your Guru Maharaja will be glorified."

(Srila Prabhupada Room Conversation, December 26th, 1975)

4) You admit that our pointing out false gurus is good. But since all the gurus in ISKCON are occupying the same false position as unauthorised successors to Srila Prabhupada, they are all by definition as false as each other. And we are simply warning people not to follow such false persons.

We welcome all correspondence.
Email us: irm@iskconirm.com

The cheating chairman

Below we present the Chairman of the Indian Regional Governing Body of ISKCON, **Pancaratra Das ("PRD")**, being forced to employ wholesale cheating techniques to counter the IRM's position that Srila Prabhupada appointed *ritviks* (officiating priests) rather than *diksha* guru successors. Statements from PRD, which are mainly his commentary on the May 28th, 1977 conversation, are highlighted in bold text, with extracts from the May 28th conversation he comments on, highlighted in the orange tinted panels, and our comments follow under in normal text.

1. Assumption

"The July 9th letter specifically deals with the now and not the future."

PRD opens with the standard GBC technique of just assuming the very proposition which needs to be proven. That the application of the July 9th, 1977 directive in ISKCON was specifically restricted to Srila Prabhupada's physical presence, is what the GBC actually needs to prove, not just assume.

2. Mind-reading

Satsvarupa: "Then our next question concerns initiations in the future, particularly at that time when you're no longer with us. We want to know how first and second initiation would be conducted."

Prabhupada: "Yes. I shall recommend some of you."

"Not in future, now while He is present."

Satsvarupa asks a question particularly for when Srila Prabhupada is not physically present. PRD claims without any basis, other than being able to read Srila Prabhupada's mind, that Srila Prabhupada decides to do the exact opposite, and answer the question for the time period he is particularly *not* asked about.

3. Future means present

"After this is settled up, I shall recommend some of you to act as officiating *acharyas*."

"HDG* is talking about now, officiating *acaryas* now, not the future. The above is not yet the answer to Satsvarupa's question. Srila Prabhupada is giving the initial system as to how things will work, while he is present."

PRD continues asserting that Srila Prabhupada decides to answer the opposite of what he was asked, speaking about the present when he is actually asked about the future.

*"His Divine Grace", Srila Prabhupada

4. Fabrication

Tamala Krishna: "Is that called *Ritvik-Acarya*?"

Prabhupada: "Ritvik, yes."

Satsvarupa: "Then what is the relationship of that person who gives the initiation and the..."

Prabhupada: "He's guru. He's guru."

"He is Officiating Acarya now but will be regular after SP leaves"

PRD claims that the *ritviks* Srila Prabhupada will appoint will magically transform into *diksha* gurus after his departure, even though NONE of this is stated by Srila Prabhupada.

5. Invention

Satsvarupa: "But he does it on your behalf."

Prabhupada: "Yes. That is formality. Because in my presence one should not become guru, so on my behalf, on my order... *Amara ajnaya guru hana*. Be actually guru, but by my order."

"Because for formality one cannot be Guru while I am here so I order you as Officiating Acharya while I am here but after as Regular Guru."

Again PRD just invents what he would *like* Srila Prabhupada to state, even though there is no mention of "while I am here but after as regular guru".

6. "Yes" means "no"

Satsvarupa: "So they may also be considered your disciples."

Prabhupada: "Yes, they are disciples. Why consider? Who?"

"Those initiated now are disciples of Srila Prabhupada and those initiated in the future are disciples of the Officiating Acarya after HDG leaves"

Srila Prabhupada is asked if the disciples are HIS – "So they may also be considered YOUR disciples". Though Srila Prabhupada says "Yes", PRD would have us believe that what Srila Prabhupada actually means is that they are NOT his disciples, but the disciples of the *ritviks* after he departs!

7. Change the question

Tamala Krishna: "No, he's asking that these *Ritvik-Acaryas*, they're officiating, giving *diksha*. Their... The people who they give *diksha* to, whose disciple are they?"

"The people who THEY GIVE DIKSHA TO, this means in the future when HDG is no longer with us, now HDG is answering Satsvarupa's question"

PRD claims that when Srila Prabhupada is asked a question by Tamala Krishna, he is actually answering a different question posed by Satsvarupa!

8. Change the answer

Prabhupada: "They're his disciple."

Tamala Krishna: "They're his disciple."

Prabhupada: "Who is initiating."

"Are you talking about Me or the Officiating Acharya. You said 'the people they give Diksha To,

whose disciples are they?'"

An answer "Who is initiating" to Tamala's question, has now been transformed by PRD into Srila Prabhupada actually asking Tamala a question about what he is being asked!

9. Change the English language

Prabhupada: "He is grand disciple."

Satsvarupa: "Yes."

Tamala Krishna: "That's clear."

Satsvarupa: "Then we have a question concern..."

Prabhupada: "When I order, 'You become guru,' he becomes regular guru. That's all. He becomes disciple of my disciple. That's it."

"Srila Prabhupada is actually ordering for Regular Guru but as he is still present, for formality, they will be called Officiating Acaryas"

Srila Prabhupada says "when I order", but PRD tells us this means "actually ordering", and therefore Srila Prabhupada is using another English language.

Conclusion

PRD has engaged in 9 different cheating techniques of: assumption, mind-reading, future means present, fabrication, invention, "yes means no" and changing the question, the answer and the English language, by which he attempts to change Srila Prabhupada's words. By applying such cheating techniques to any set of statements, one can literally prove whatever is required, even the opposite of what Srila Prabhupada has stated. This indeed is cheating of the lowest order, and the fact that one is forced to employ such supreme cheating when attempting to respond to the IRM's position, merely demonstrates just how irrefutable that position must be.

ISKCON guru trapped on all sides

Whether they are broadcasting climbdowns that are in agreement with the IRM's philosophy (see BTP 27's "ISKCON climb-down special" issue), or are trying to wriggle their way out of agreeing with the IRM altogether, ISKCON's GBC members inevitably end up trapped in supporting the IRM's position that Srila Prabhupada is ISKCON's only *diksha* (initiating) guru! Below we see GBC guru hoaxer **HH Sivarama Swami** ("SRS") unwittingly promoting the IRM's manifesto in his podcast of 28th June 2010. SRS's statements appear in the tinted panels.

Trapped by guru colleague

"Our whole principle is that Krishna says, *"tad viddhi pranipatena pariprasnena sevaya"*, *"You approach a spiritual master,"* and *"upadeksyanti te jnanam jnaninas tattva-darsinah"*. He will *'tattva-darsi'*, he will show you the truth. When he's showing you truth he will take you to Krishna."

SRS answers that the *diksha* guru we must accept, as mentioned in *Bhagavad-gita* 4:34, is the person who will "take you to Krishna". In stating this, SRS is immediately trapped by his GBC and guru colleague HH Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS"), whom SRS accepts as a bona fide spiritual master. Putting SRS's statements together with the statements of BCS, we get:

SRS: The *diksha* guru will take you to Krishna (above).

BCS: "I cannot lead you to Krsna." (BCS Istagosthi, March 28th, 2006)

BCS: "Srila Prabhupada will take you to Krsna." (BCS, Durban Disciples' Meeting, April 7th, 2006)

This means, according to SRS and BCS:

- BCS is not a *diksha* guru.
- Srila Prabhupada is the *diksha* guru.

Trapped by GBC

"The spiritual master's main responsibility is, *"tasmad gurum prapadyeta jijnasuh sreya uttamam"*, *"samit-panih srotriyam brahma-nistham"*, is to transfer to you transcendental knowledge. He teaches you. He's a teacher."

According to the GBC, and hence SRS, since he is himself a GBC member, the guru who teaches us and transfers to us the most knowledge is Srila Prabhupada:

"b. Srila Prabhupada's instructions are the essential teachings for every ISKCON devotee."

(GBC Resolution No. 35, Founder-Acarya Statement, 1994)

"ISKCON's founder-acarya, Srila Prabhupada, is the preeminent and compulsory *siksa-guru* for all vaisnavas (gurus and disciples) in the Society, who may directly receive empowerment from him through allegiance to his teachings."

(GBC Resolution No. 409. [Vision and Goal] Principles concerning various kinds of guru, 1999)

"This pure transcendental knowledge, delivered without alteration, uplifts the conditioned souls to the platform of devotional service and cleanses sinful desires from their hearts. Such uplifting knowledge is called *divya jnana*, and its transmission is called *siksa*. This *divya jnana* is the principle active ingredient of *diksa*."

(GBC Resolution No. 404 [Vision and Goal] Definitions of Guru and *Divya Jnana*, 1999)

So again SRS has unwittingly ended up claiming that Srila Prabhupada is actually the *diksha* guru we have to accept and surrender to, as advised by Krishna in the *Bhagavad-gita*, who takes us to Krishna.

Trapped by himself

"... those personalities who are no longer physically manifest

[...] all of these personalities act only when one has actually accepted a spiritual master."

SRS now states the *diksha* guru we must accept is not a non-physically manifest personality such as Srila Prabhupada.

So desperate is SRS to ensure he promotes a "physically manifest" personality such as himself as guru, he happily contradicts the actual description of the *diksha* guru that *he himself has just given!*

Trapped by Srila Prabhupada

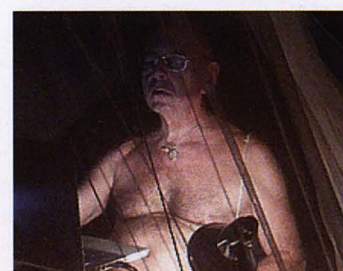
"And we need to have as much faith in the system of accepting guru as we have in accepting the guru himself. Because it's Krishna's system, therefore even if we may think that there is some kind of lacking, then *"yoga-ksemam vahamy aham"*. Krishna will cover that type of lack."

1) SRS refers here to the *Bhagavad-gita* verse, *"But those who worship Me with devotion, meditating on My transcendental form - to them I carry what they lack and preserve what they have."* (9:22). Neither this verse, nor its purport, speaks of there being any lack in "Krishna's system" of accepting a bona fide spiritual master. Rather, Srila Prabhupada states, in the same *Bhagavad-gita*, that a bona fide guru in the eternal disciplic succession never deviates at all:

"A bona fide spiritual master is in the disciplic succession from time eternal and he does not deviate at all from the instructions of the Supreme Lord." (*Bhagavad-gita As It Is* 4.42, purport)

2) Rather, the purport to *Bhagavad-gita* 9:22, does state that:

"The Lord helps the devotee to achieve Krsna consciousness by



HH Sivarama Swami:
No way out

yoga, and when he becomes fully Krsna conscious the Lord protects him from falling down to a miserable conditioned life."

Clearly, therefore, this verse cannot be referring at all to the ISKCON guru system, since SRS himself has confessed that its members have continually fallen down to a miserable, degraded life:

"I was seeing deviations in ISKCON [...] Fallen *sannyasis*, drugs-induced ecstasy, illicit sex, and needless to say that it was clear that the gurus were fallible." (SRS, Podcast, October 3rd, 2006)

Trapped by history

"Because it's Krishna's system, [...] But it requires real *sraddha* and determination on the part of the aspiring devotees."

Given what we just quoted SRS stating about his fallen ISKCON guru system, it certainly does require "real *sraddha* (faith) and determination on the part of the aspiring devotees" to accept that such a fallen system is actually "Krishna's system"!

Conclusion

We have repeatedly shown that our supposedly "self-realised" ISKCON spiritual masters are unable to defend their position as being bona fide spiritual masters, without either agreeing with the IRM's position, or contradicting themselves and Srila Prabhupada! Thus at best, they can be more accurately described as self-deluded, rather than self-realised!

Inside the guru hoax meltdown: An ISKCON guru

When an artificial guru system is concocted, based not on spiritual principles, but rather on the pursuit and expansion of power, infighting and chaos will automatically result. When one disobeys the orders of the bona fide spiritual master by usurping his position, disciples, assets and worship, only failure, chaos and deviation will result – as Srila Prabhupada has repeatedly warned us:

"Our mission is to serve (...)
Not that you take the place of the guru. That is nonsense, very dangerous. Then everything will be spoiled. As soon as you become ambitious to take the place of guru - gurusu nara-mat-ih. That is the material disease."
(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, April 20th, 1977)

"And as soon as he learns the Guru Maharaja is dead, "Now I am so advanced that I can kill my guru and I become guru." Then he's finished."
(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, August 16th, 1976)

As proof that Srila Prabhupada's warnings above are applicable to ISKCON's current unauthorised GBC-elected guru hoaxter system, below we present ample evidence from one of ISKCON's own current GBC voted-in gurus, **HH Mahavishnu Swami ("MVS")**. In letters MVS wrote to the GBC and others, he offers an insight into the guru hoax meltdown, and also reveals his own personal meltdown in trying to pose as a successor guru to Srila Prabhupada.

The extracts in the tinted panels below, unless otherwise specified, are from letters written by MVS.

ISKCON compared to the great anti-Krishna demon Kamsa – Part 1

"I know there are the "guru fall down and boiling down the milk" counter arguments to the

above and maybe this dialectic will just go on forever even as ISKCON dries up as it becomes more and more a heavy-handed Kamsa-ised organised religion smothering spontaneous devotional creepers right and left."

ISKCON compared to the great anti-Krishna demon Kamsa – Part 2

"So did he (Srila Prabhupada) really later on want us to put a brake on expanding to "at least maintain" what he gave us? Excuse me please but I feel that with this mental laxitude step by step ISKCON will just get more "Kamsa-ised" into yet another defunct organised religion bogged down in its own politics trying (very sincerely, of course), to just "at least maintain".

Fallen, frustrated and castrated ISKCON gurus

"...in UK (for instance) the ISKCON Managing Council or its sub-committee (presumably understandably acting in a controlling reactive protective mood after so many of its own past UK local initiating guru falldowns) has set up initiation standards and procedures without even inviting input from all the ISKCON Diksa Gurus who initiate disciples in the UK thus making unrealistic standards and procedures which foster bad feelings both from aspiring candidates and from frustrated (castrated?) visiting and resident gurus."

Unaccountable GBC gurus and GBC spies

"the GBC authority credibility is being undermined because ISKCON's published Law Book Initiation standards are being openly flouted as they are be-

ing either made locally more restrictive and discouraging (as in the case of UK standards), or being adjusted according to time and circumstances by unaccountable GBC Gurus or ISKCON gurus "out of GBC range" of GBC spies"

Unwilling guru apologists

"In the early days in expanding ISKCON Srila Prabhupada was very personal and lenient but in UK for instance I have heard complaints from my fellow-ISKCON gurus that the institutional standards set by ISKCON UK are off-putting straight jackets for aspirants seeking personal shelter. The gurus themselves find themselves having to unwillingly become apologists for ISKCON's rigid impersonal policies."

Disunity and fragmentation

"if ISKCON instituted kamsa-blanket centralised initiation standards are imposed on a zone by its big established temples then budding devotional communities will prefer to develop legally outside of ISKCON's legal jurisdiction creating the disunity and fragmentation of ISKCON, (as in Brighton, UK)"

ISKCON has no trust of its voted-in gurus

"It even seems that the ISKCON "establishment" has no trust of gurus and that is also not so surprising because of ISKCON gurus track records in the past."

In all the preceding entries, MVS details the power struggle going on between the elected gurus and ISKCON's management authorities, and the resultant chaos and breakdown. His criticisms are more harsh than whatever has been on the pages of *BTP*, as he

compared ISKCON to the demon Kamsa.

Below, MVS turns his attention to his own personal failings as a GBC-elected guru:

Misguiding devotees

"I want to apologise for my seriously having misguided the devotees on this year's East African Festival Tour (23rd January - 22nd February 2008) [...] So I am feeling very ashamed and regretful that I caused this to happen. I was not fit as the spiritual mentor of the Festival team. It is now obvious that my hippiesh upbringing's attitudes are still not cleansed from my heart. So I need to rectify my standard of devotional service at all costs."

Losing the faith of "disciples"

"I feel the need to apologise to you both for dealing inconsiderately and pushing your tolerance so much that you lost faith in me as your spiritual master and ISKCON. I was not concerned enough about your welfare to act appropriately."

Unable to look after "disciples"

"I can also hardly look after my about 100 disciples properly [...] So I do not want to be an embarrassment may consider visiting Russia again provided I am invited and I am allowed to collect donations. But I doubt if that will ever happen. Even if it did I will be frightened of getting committed to having more Russian disciples."

A bona fide and authorised spiritual master, by definition, can never mislead or give wrong advice and thus hinder a soul's journey back to Godhead:

"According to sastra, the duty of the guru is to take the



confesses all!

disciple back home, back to Godhead. If he is unable to do so and instead hinders the disciple in going back to Godhead, he should not be a guru."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 8.20.1, purport)

Yet, in the entries above, MVS apologises for doing just that!

Chastised by juniors

Below, MVS also reveals that he was chastised for his misbehaviour by two devotees:

"He rightfully complained to our ISKCON authorities in UK that an ISKCON sannyasi had done such a thing. Kripamoya and Praghosa Prabhus in the UK brought me to task and I began to realise the negligence and foolishness of my actions. Then after further realisation and regret and on their advice, I sent a marriage annulment letter to the parties concerned. I stated in that letter that as the couple were not unmarried the marriage I had conducted was not authorised morally or legally and therefore it was being annulled by me."

At the time of going to press, neither of the two devotees mentioned are, unlike MVS, "gurus" or sannyasis (renunciants), and are therefore, according to ISKCON, MVS's spiritual juniors. So not only is MVS acting, on his own admission, without moral or legal authority, but he had to be chastised by two juniors before he realised his bogus actions! Clearly, he cannot be an empowered bona fide Vaishnava guru since a bona fide guru can never be disciplined, counselled or corrected:

"It is an offense to consider an empowered Vaisnava an object of disciplinary action. It is offensive to try to give him advice or to correct him."

(Nectar of Instruction, Text 7, purport)

We have copiously docu-

mented, in several issues of BTP, the philosophical U-turns and climbdowns by ISKCON's GBC and gurus and their lip service to the IRM's program of promoting Srila Prabhupada as the real guru of ISKCON. Now, in addition to all the above, MVS also decides to join the "agree with the IRM" program:

Srila Prabhupada is the real guru, not me

"I may have given you diksa but our pre-eminent siksa guru is of course Srila Prabhupada not me. He is still fully living in his instructions. You must take advantage of them and become his emissary."

Here MVS admits that Srila Prabhupada and not he, is giving *siksha* (spiritual instruction). MVS claims that he himself is giving *diksha* (spiritual initiation), but even this claim is bogus as the GBC itself agrees with the IRM that *siksha* is the "principal active ingredient of *diksha*":

"Such uplifting knowledge is called *divya jnana*, and its transmission is called *siksha*. This *divya jnana* is the principal active ingredient of *diksha*."

(GBC Resolution No. 404, 1999)

And MVS admits he is not supplying this "principal active ingredient of *diksha*".

Thus, Srila Prabhupada is the only *diksha* or initiating guru in ISKCON, not MVS or anyone else – something he and the GBC should have realised by now after singing every day for the past 30 years or more to Srila Prabhupada during the *Guru-puja* prayers that he is the one delivering this "*divya-jnana*"!

Further confirming the IRM's "*ritvik*" position that the guru (Srila Prabhupada) does not need to physically meet disciples to initiate them, MVS admits in another letter:

"Srila Prabhupada had disciples who he had never seen physically."

But still wants to play guru

Of course, the desire to be worshipped as-good-as-God in imitation of the fully authorised and bona fide guru Srila Prabhupada, is just too strong to resist:

"my Vyasa Puja 2010 went off quite well. Late last night 11/2/10 in Hotel Amical, Bunia, DR Congo. Had short talks, my foot washing & guru puja and arati & pioneering feast prepared of imported Egyptian full cream milk & imported Italian spaghetti."

(MVS SMS text, February 12th, 2010)

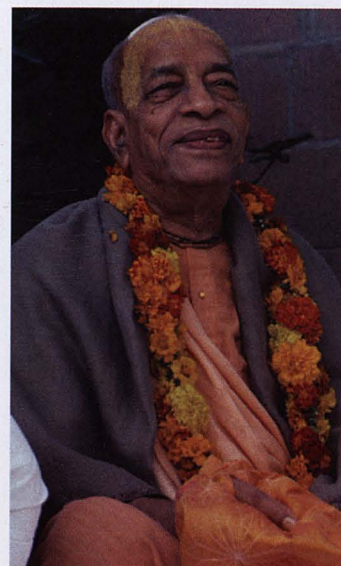
"I personally have a *niyamagraha* trait and try and go strictly by the ISKCON Lawbook and the prevailing local initiation standards for fear of getting censored and defrocked so I really want a more flexible straightjacket to live in as a dreaded naughty-boy ISKCON Initiating guru"

Conclusion

Thus, in addition to ISKCON's "guru wars" documented in previous BTP issues, we now see that "Guru-GBC" wars can be added to the power struggles going on in ISKCON.

Previously, in BTP 14, we published the equally stunning revelations of ISKCON GBC guru and Sannyasa Minister HH Prahladananda Swami in our article "*ISKCON guru exposes his own guru system*". And in BTP 20, we quoted yet another GBC member, Badrinarayan Das, stating:

"Having gurus crash and burn every few years is the main cause of ISKCON's diminished reputation and strength and I don't see what we have put in



His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada:
No danger of meltdown

place to break this pattern."

It seems as if ISKCON's GBC and voted-in gurus can't help but condemn the bogus system they themselves have invented; and yet the desire to replace Srila Prabhupada is so irresistible that even though they now agree in theory with the IRM's invincible philosophical position, they will still keep the practice of their unauthorised guru system and attendant worship intact! Srila Prabhupada speaks of this tendency as follows:

"That is the difficulty. Everyone sees that 'Some way or other, I become guru. Then so many persons will offer me respect. Somehow or other, create some situation. Then I become guru. [...] This is going on. Not bona fide guru. [...] Somehow or other become popular and become guru. This is going on.'"

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, May 2nd, 1976)

It is clear that the GBC's guru hoax system is facing serious meltdown, and we hope it is now only a question of when, not if, they adopt the IRM's position and at last reinstate Srila Prabhupada as ISKCON's only *diksha* guru.

The climbdown – HH Giriraja Swami returns!

We have continued to document in past issues, as well as in our Special Issue No. 2, how ISKCON's leadership is climbing down from its previous position and scrambling to follow the IRM's lead and claim that Srila Prabhupada is ISKCON's *diksha* or initiating guru, regardless of the fact they do not actually follow this in practice. In BTP 27, we documented GBC-elected ISKCON *diksha* guru, His Holiness Giriraja Swami ("GRS"), displaying similar tendencies. And below, we see him coming back for more *ritvik*-style preaching! Quotes in the dark panels are taken from a lecture GRS gave on the day of Guru-purnima, July 26th, 2010.

1) The singular spiritual master is the *diksha* guru

"We offer respects to the spiritual master in singular, to the spiritual masters in plural, and to all Vaisnavas. The singular spiritual master is our personal spiritual master, the plural spiritual masters are the predecessor *acharyas*, and the Vaisnavas are the followers of the spiritual master."

And GRS quotes Srila Prabhupada stating -

"One who teaches can be treated as spiritual master. . . . So if we take instruction from them, all senior godbrothers may be treated as guru. There is no harm. Actually, you have only one spiritual master, who initiates you, just as you have only one father. But every Vaisnava should be treated as *prabhu*, master, higher than me, and in this sense, if I learn from him, he may be regarded as guru." (Srila Prabhupada Letter, November 20th, 1971)

- to make clear the distinction between the *diksha* (initiating) guru, who can only be singular, and all other spiritual masters, who are plural, and who are *siksha* (teacher) gurus.

2) Srila Prabhupada is that singular spiritual master

GRS refers to Srila Prabhupada as that singular guru, whilst his many followers are plural gurus called *prabhus*, which in the quote just given, refers to the *siksha* gurus:

"Srila Prabhupada explains further, "Spiritual master means they must have many followers, who are all Vaisnavas. They are called *prabhus*, and the spiritual master is called Prabhupada, because at his lotus feet there are many *prabhus*." (Srila Prabhupada comment on *Mangalacarana*, January 8, 1969). For us in ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada is the main guru"

3) Srila Prabhupada's disciples are the plural *siksha* gurus

Having established that the *diksha* guru is the singular spiritual master, and that Srila Prabhupada is that spiritual master, GRS goes on to refer to Srila Prabhupada's disciples as his followers, who are teaching on his behalf, which as the quotes given in the previous sections show, refer to the plural spiritual masters, known as *siksha* gurus:

"Vaisnavas are the followers of the spiritual master. [...] And now the followers of Srila Prabhupada are presenting the same knowledge."

Of course, we would not be dealing with an ISKCON leader if GRS also did not simultaneously contradict himself, for hypocrisy is the hallmark of this age of *Kali-yuga*, and those who best represent and epitomise the progress of the personality of Kali can be recognised via their constant display of hypocrisy and contradiction. Thus, regardless of what he may say here, GRS not only continues to act as a successor ISKCON *diksha* guru to Srila Prabhupada, but in the same article he also praises other disciples of Srila Prabhupada acting as successor ISKCON *diksha* gurus!

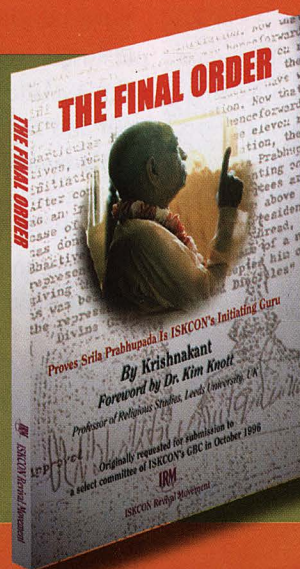
KNOW THE TRUTH:

The solution to all this ISKCON guru confusion is clearly explained in the book "The Final Order".

To receive a **FREE** copy, please email us at: irm@iskconirm.com

or fill out the enclosed reply card

or write to our address given on page 2.



THE BOOK THE GBC DOES NOT WANT YOU TO READ!

"I hope this book will be read carefully and discussed widely because the profound issues it raises demand consideration at all levels. Every devotee has a real stake in the matter."

From the Foreword by Professor Kim Knott, Head of Religious Studies, Leeds University, UK